

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of January 28th, 2015
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

Attendance:

- Parks Commissions in attendance: Mike Brennan, Yvonne Dalke, Ethan Duvall, Judy Bilanko, Eric Thompson, Chris Moore
- Parks Commissioners absent: Karen Wallace
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner and Lynn Fredenburg, Associate Planner

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Minutes of September 27th, 2014 Parks Commission Meeting

Yvonne Dalke provided a motion to approve minutes from Sept 27. Eric Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Report for 2014

Mike went through the annual report for 2014 and 2015 work program. Chris Moore agreed to take to City Council.

2014 topics included (see Parks Commission 2014 summary report for full descriptions)

- Recruiting and coordinating adopt a park volunteers. Mike informed the commission that four parks have been adopted to this point; Torguson Park, Tannerwood Park, EJ Roberts, and new municipal parking lot on 2nd.
- Coordinating planning for Torguson Park BMX Park Area
- Garbage and Recycling Recommendation to City Council for the use of \$5,000 to purchase trash can and recycling lids and new trash and recycling cans.
- Park Signage Recommendation to City Council. The Parks provided a recommendation to replace existing park entrance signs with a more uniform, recognizable and attractive park sign throughout the city
- Review of new park improvements. Parks Commission reviewed and made recommendations on the proposed park improvements for the Segale and Maloney Grove 13 subdivision.

Projects for 2015

Comprehensive Plan Update: Parks Element

Mike discussed the Comprehensive Plan Update process and the need to address the outdated Parks Element. The process will involve a community workshop (tentatively scheduled for March 25th) followed by an online survey. In addition we can use the Si View District survey. Once complete the Parks Commission will go to the Planning Commission with a recommendation for the Parks Element (tentative date, April 22nd), then in May have a joint PC and Parks Commission hearing/recommendation that will be sent to City Council.

Mike emphasized the need to update the Parks Capital Facilities Plan to include projects that individuals have identified for use of park impact fee revenue, including the following:

1. Restroom at Tanner Road Shoreline Access Park: Mike informed the commission that a shoreline park will be dedicated to the city from the Segale subdivision adjacent to an existing highly used informal water access point. Public comment during the preliminary plat process for that application identified the need for a public restroom for that river access point. There is insufficient nexus from impacts from the subdivision application to require the developer to

fund construction of the restroom. However, park impact fees could be applied to fund its construction if the restroom is listed on the Parks CFP. (The developer could construct the restroom and obtain an equivalent deduction in their park impact fees required from the project). There was some discussion on the naming of this park and working with the whitewater users to name it.

2. Trails at Meadowbrook Farm. The Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association has a number of additional trails
3. Park Signage (While the Council approved the 2015/2016 decision card for this per the Parks Commission's 2014 recommendation, the Finance Department requested that the funds come from park impact fee revenue).

Recommendation on West Entry Area to Torguson Park

Mike discussed the potential improvements to the informal west entry area to Torguson Park and, depending on the redevelopment of the explosion site, the opportunity may arise for the Parks Commission to help design a 2nd entry into Torguson Park.

Park signage Recommendation and Installation

Mike informed the commission that the 2015/2016 decision card was authorized for design and installation of new park entry and orientation signs. Staff will work with the Parks Commission to further refine the design of the proposed signs, with a sign consultant.

Arbor Day

Mike discussed the 2015 Arbor Day and the need to coordinate activities recognizing National Arbor Day and encourage community involvement.

Park-Related Development Review

New mini-parks will be reviewed by Commission during the preliminary plat process for new subdivisions including

- a) Tanner Falls Subdivision (John Day Homes)
- b) Cedar Landing Subdivision (Quadrant Homes)
- c) Cottages at North Bend Subdivision
- d) Other subdivisions as received

Torguson Park Improvements

Mike informed the commission of the Torguson Park improvements that will happen this year. There will be a pathway, plaza and restroom/concessions project.

Other Potential Projects

The commission discussed the North Bend Way roundabout landscaping inquiring about its status, and suggested that if it doesn't move forward as planned, a simpler relandscape should occur to supplement, rather than replace, the existing landscaping.

There was some discussion on other potential projects the Parks Commission may be interested in. The need for trails connecting new Maloney Grove developments to town (east/west) was discussed. An idea was presented to purchase WSDOT property adjacent to Si View and use it for Si View parking and park improvements, or at least a pathway connecting Si View Park and Cedar Falls Way. These issues will be discussed further in the update to the Parks Element and Parks Capital Facilities Plan in the coming year.

Other Coordination Issues

The Parks Commission inquired about the status of the bridge project at EJ Roberts Park, and informed Mike and Lynn that the streetlight at the playground within the park was not working. Mike stated that he would check on these issues and report back at the next Parks Commission meeting.

Mike suggested potential Adopt-a-Park clean up date for EJ Roberts Park as 3pm March 22nd. The Parks Commission concurred with this.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at 6pm.


Chris Moore, Parks Commission Chair


Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Lynn Fredenburg



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